**Setting up of food zones**

559. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been formulated for setting up of 20 Integrated Food Zones (IFZs) to give a thrust to the farm sector reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific areas/locations identified, State-wise, to establish the Integrated Food Zones and infrastructural facilities proposed to be created, the pattern of funding decided for the various projects and the time-frame fixed therefor; and

(c) the criteria evolved for selection of the specific regions/locations for the food zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A new scheme Integrated Food Zones/Mega Food Park aimed at providing integrated solutions with comprehensive and quality Infrastructural facilities alongwith appropriate linkages is being developed in consultation with Planning Commission.

**Food processing installed capacity in the country**

560. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the food processing installed capacity in the country;

,(b) the percentage of the fruits processed in the country;

(c) the wastage of fruits produced in the country annually and the reasons for the same;

(d) whether Government have any plan to encourage processing of such fruits all over the country to stop the wastage; and

(e) the details of the plan for the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government does not set up Food Processing Industries on its own.